

Our Lady of the Black Hills

July 11 & 12, 2009 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
**Eucharistic Adoration
and Reconciliation:**
Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from Fr. Mark

August 16-23, I will be at the Presentations Sisters in Aberdeen, SD giving a six day preached retreat on the Biblical Women of the Bible. I will be using the same painting that we used at our Gatherings of Grace in May by the Artist Lucy D'Souza, who is from India, as my jumping off point.

D'Souza entitled her painting the Biblical Women of the Bible: Guides to the Kingdom of God. Her painting is separated into seven panels; the center panel is "The Kingdom of God is like a Leaven" from the Gospel of Luke 13:2; it is of a woman kneading flour into dough. The second panel is of "Miriam Prophetesses and Sister" from Exodus 15:21. The third panel is of "Shiphrah and Puah-Effective Nonviolent Resistance" from Exodus 1:15-22. The fourth panel is "Ruth-Harmony of Family, Society and Nature" from the Book of Ruth. The fifth panel is "Mary and Elizabeth-God Exalts the Lowly" from Luke 1:52-53. The sixth panel is "Jesus and the Canaanite Woman" from Matthew 15:24-28. The seventh panel is of "Mary of Magdala" from John 20:1-18.

The background of the painting: The role of women in the process of the development is theme of this painting. The women are the ones who are hardest hit by the still worsening situation of poverty and want in the countries of the so-called Third World. However, a more just and peaceful world will be possible only if the women can fully participate in all sectors of society and a basis of self responsibility and equal rights.

The message: As believers we are challenged to discover God-given dignity and vocation of the women, and to find out and put into practice what a redeemed relationship between women and men should look like. The scenes of this painting show women from the Old Testament and New Testament, whose manifold experiences of God can be good news for the world of today and for our own personal lives.

The theme of painting: Jesus preached the gospel of God and said: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). "And he did not speak to them without a parable" (Mark: 4:34). The central theme of this painting is a symbolic representation of the parable of the kingdom of God (see Luke 13:21 and Luke 13:19). "The small and hidden grow and yields fruit in abundance. God becomes man in the humbleness of his son, and in the ordinaries of everyday life" (Cardinal Martini). The biblical women depicted in this painting exemplify and illustrate the good news brought to pilgrim people of God, the Gospel of His Kingdom, which is already close at hand.

For the next month the panel will be displayed in our Gathering area for you and your families to continue to ponder these heroic women of the Bible. In the coming weeks, I will ask for your help as I prepare to preach these Biblical Women to the Presentations Sisters of Aberdeen in the middle of August.

Fr. Mark

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, July 13

St. Henry

Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (green/white)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Dave Trautman's Birthday)

7:00 pm: Book Club

Tuesday, July 14

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

Exodus 2:1-15a; Psalms 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 11:20-24 (white)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Sr. Elaine Gerry, Sr. Paulette Garry, Sr. Mary Jane Gaspar & Sr. Mary Aileen Huetti, Sr. Jean Huntimer)

10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour

4:30 pm Lumko Group (in rectory)

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 15

St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the church

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalms 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Matthew 11:25-27 (white)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

6:00 pm: Adoration and Reconciliation

7:00 pm: Financial Peace University

Thursday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Exodus 3:13-20; Psalms 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Matthew 11:28-30 (green/white)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For those attending Stuebenville)

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study

Friday, July 17

Exodus 11:10-12:14; Psalms 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Matthew 12:1-8 (green)

No Daily Liturgy

8:30 am Women's Lumko Group

9:30 am: Women's Bible Study

A Prayer for Grace

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your light shining on me in the darkness, and for your love drawing me out of loneliness. Help me to share these gifts with those around me, even as Mother Teresa did, in the "Calcuttas" of my own life, in my own family and in all those you place on my path. Grant me the grace to seek your presence each day in quiet prayer, no matter how hectic life may become, there to experience your renewing love. Empower me to live my own vocation in this world with Mother Teresa's same energy and passion. Thank you for your many gifts, especially for your unimaginable love that fills all my desires. ~ Amen.

Saturday Morning, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, priest; BVM

Exodus 12:37-42; Psalms 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Matthew 12:14-21 (green/white/white)

8:00 am Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Sr. Alacoque Geppert, Sr. Mary Louise Geraets, Sr. Ruth Ann Geraets, Sr. Annrita Johnson & Sr. Katheleen Johnson)

9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, July 18

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:16; Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (green)

5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

Sunday, July 19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:16; Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (green)

9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Sr. Darlene Gutenkauf, Sr. Virginia Hallauer, Sr. Verna Kelley & Sr. Abbie Kennedy)

10:00 am: Coffee and Donut Hour

6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Married Couples)

Help Keep Coffee Hour Going

We need volunteers (organizations, families or individuals) to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour from August thru December. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the gathering area. The church provides the coffee and funds for the rolls, fruit, etc., come from donations at the coffee hours. It is not much work - make coffee and set up an hour before mass starts and serve the goodies for about an hour after mass. We will meet with the folks that sign up to give them instructions.

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns:

Gordon Bryant, Joe Creek, Joni Osnes, Mary Ann Pulaski, Mike Sobraske, and Jim Wranek

Repose:

Janice Collings

Collection Report

July 4 & 5

Loose	\$2,461.11
Envelopes	1,781.00
Votive	5.75
Student	66.32
Adopt a Seminarian	50.00
Soles 4 Souls postage	56.78
Total	\$4,420.96

Mass Ministry Schedule

July 18 & 19	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker		Lori Kline	
Altar Servers	Joe Schulte J. Schacher K. Schacher	David Strand Aric Dyczek Andrew Corbine	Austin Evans Nathan Werdel Jessie Gray
Precious Body	Kathy Amiotte	Pat Suiter	Kevin Rohrbach
Precious Blood	B.A. Ferley Barb Scherr Jim Scherr J. Silbernagel	Gary Erickson Barb Erickson Jim Hoag Sharon Long	Lorinda Collings Jim McCormick D. McCormick Jan Schurman
Lectors	Cathy Wang Greg Sass	Tamara Dyczek Jean Schubauer	Curt Lauinger Tom Collings
Sacristans	Joe & Linda Schacher	Frank & Donna Boner	Brad, Mary & Matthew Blauvelt
Ushers	Diane Norman Joe Norman	Robert Dyczek Duane Schubauer	Don Everson Dorothy Tinnell
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

Scripture

- I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. (Amos 7:14)
- that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. (Ephesians 1:10)
- He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. (Mark 6:8)

Reflection

- What is essential to be with God?
- What do you leave behind to be with God?
- What blocks God from working through you and in you?
- Do all persons and things end in Christ?

To those who love money
and pleasure and reputation and power it says:
be poor,
go down into the far end of society,
take the last place among men,
live with those who are despised,
love other men and serve them
instead of making them serve you.

Do not fight when they push you around,
but pray for those who hurt you.
Do not look for pleasure,
but turn away from things
that satisfy your senses
and look for God in hunger
and thirst and darkness,
through the deserts of the spirit in which
it seems to be madness to travel.

Merton, Thomas, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, New York: New Directions 1962 p. 143, 4.

Rachel's Corner

St. Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. - St. Mary Magdalene, Feast: July 22

Pray to St. Mary Magdalene, the "Penitent". Ask for God's grace and mercy and experience the miracle of love that is Christ Jesus. If you are hurting from an abortion, attend a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and be infused with the merciful and infinite love of Jesus. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdpplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

From the Pro-Life Commission

"In response to the current economic crisis and its moral and human impacts, a new USCCB Web site has been developed to better share Catholic social teaching on economic life and how it can shape the responses of Catholics to the economic crisis. Catholic Teaching on Economic Life (www.usccb.org/jphd/economiclife/) features the ten-point "A Catholic Framework for Economic Life," ... One of the central themes of this teaching is that the dignity of the human person always comes first. This is a message of hope in tough economic times."

John Carr, Exec. Dir. of Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB Press Release, May 2, 2009, www.usccb.org

OLBH Parish News

Scripture Study

Join us for a 10-week exploration of the Acts of the Apostles! You will meet two of the early Church's most significant leaders, Peter and Paul, and learn how the early believers struggled to establish communities of faith. This Little Rock Scripture Study course will begin in mid-August and continue for 10 weeks. The cost of registration is \$20 and you may choose to attend either Thursday evenings or Friday mornings. For more information, call Jane Abernathy at 716-0286 or see Betsy Van Asma in the parish office.

Extra, Extra, Read all About It!

The news is out! The National Catholic Youth Conference is scheduled for November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. This conference is scheduled every two years for those who will be in high school in the fall of 2009. The youth who attended the last conference are already on board and can't wait to go! Please contact Teresa Thompson, 787-5168 for more information! I would love to talk to you about this great opportunity! Registration fee: \$195.00 (this does not include meals, lodging and transportation). \$100.00 Deposit, made payable to OLBH due Friday, July 17.



Job Opening – Asst. Parish Secretary

The Cathedral has an opening for an assistant secretary to the administrative secretary. The secretary will assist the administrative secretary and Parish Administrator with assigned tasks which will include secretarial work for the various ministries of the parish; preparation and production of weekly bulletin; ordering office supplies; balancing and ordering food certificates; collaborate with staff in other parish ministries and with other diocesan parishes when needed. Position is full time. Degree and/or experience is desirable. Organizational and motivational skills are required. Competitive salary and benefits package available. Contact Beth at the Rectory office at 605-342-0507 for an application and job description. Resumes can be e-mailed to beth@cathedralolph.org. Completed application and resume can be sent to:

Beth Strain, Parish Administrator
Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
520 Cathedral Drive
Rapid City, SD 57701

Diocesan/Area News

A Weekend of Discovery...

Plan now to recover from a hectic summer! Calling all married couples looking for a weekend away from the many distractions of the world. Consider attending the next World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend to be held at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD on September 11-13, 2009. Contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or answer any questions. Space is limited.

Ladies, mark your calendar!

Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat - October 23-25, 2009. This year's retreat, "Biblical Women - Guides to the Kingdom of God", will be held at Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD and directed by Fr. Mark McCormick. Watch your bulletin for more information or call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

To Jesus through Mary

Make your Marian Consecration! You are invited to make or renew your Marian Consecration following the preparation for Total Consecration according to St. Louis de Montfort. The preparation prayers begin Monday, July 13 with a consecration date of Saturday, August 15, 2009, the Feast of the Assumption. For more information contact Theresa Witte at Theresa@omorningstar.org or visit www.omorningstar.org.

Calling all Preschoolers

In addition to our 4-year-old Preschool, St. Elizabeth Seton Preschool is starting a new program. We are offering a Tuesday /Thursday AM class for 3-year-olds. This class will be centered on socialization, with lots of fun built in. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour please call Marcia Werner (343-8484 x203) or Jana Thies (348-1477).

Christian Family Planning Seminar

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Year for Priests Declared by Pope

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year for Priests, which began with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. It will conclude with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010. The pope designated St. John Vianney as the Universal Patron of Priests. Resources can be found in the Year for Priests section on the diocesan Web site at www.rapidcitydiocese.org. Resources include the papal announcement, downloadable prayer cards and rosary booklets, and steps to receive indulgences.

Three Qualities of Kateri

In many ways Kateri Tekakwitha led a very ordinary life. For example, she did not found a religious community nor new apostolate; she did not launch any great spiritual movement; she did not even exert much influence on those closest to her, her foster parents and fellow villagers, but her life was extraordinary, I believe, because of three beautiful qualities she embodied in a very heroic way.

1. The reality of the Cross in Daily Life

First, Kateri was a woman who understood and well accepted with patient resignation the mystery of the Cross, that mystery which proclaims that our faith is founded on a paradox: the paradox of death leading to life; the paradox of suffering leading to glory; the paradox of defeat and failure leading to victory.

God knows Kateri experienced the Cross: an orphaned childhood; a lifetime of ill health; the ridicule, scorn and rejection of her foster parents and fellow villagers; the pain and risk of leaving her homeland and launching forth into the unknown and unpredictable; the anguish of her final excruciating illness which took her life when the first fruits of her new-found faith were just beginning to blossom. However, she accepted these trials and sufferings patiently and bore them with love. Kateri did not allow these crosses to discourage or defeat her, but she saw in them an opportunity for growth and an inspiration to work quietly and selflessly to alleviate pain and suffering in the lives of others.

II. Fortitude, Determination, and Conviction

Second, Kateri was a woman of magnificent fortitude, dogged determination and unswerving conviction. A lesser person might well have yielded to the pressure to conform to the pervading culture: to go along with the marriage plans arranged by her foster parents; to squelch that thirst for the God of the Christians that the Holy Spirit had so copiously stirred up in her heart; to abandon her pursuit to a more intimate union with God in the interest of domestic peace and tranquility. But Kateri was not to be dissuaded; she was not to sacrifice principle or conviction for expediency. Remember, she did all of this with virtually no human support or encouragement.

III. Prayer, The Key to Life

Third and finally, Kateri was a woman of great prayer, a woman who had a deep and abiding awareness of the Lord's love for her and an ongoing personal relationship with Him. How else but through her life of prayer can we explain her extraordinary faith response?

The nature and style of our prayer, I believe, is relatively unimportant: be it reflecting on the Scriptures or quiet conversation, be it traditional or charismatic, be it formulated or free-floating. What is absolutely essential, however, is that we pray and pray frequently, for without prayer our lives will be spiritually empty and our ministry to others will be bankrupt. Karl Rahner, the renowned Jesuit theologian, stated recently that in a world that offers little institutional support for organized religion, the only Christians in the future will be those who have had an experience of God. As Kateri's life so well demonstrates, prayer, however one defines it, is the only way to gain that experience and lead others to Him.

Renewing Our Lives Through Kateri

May we, then, who honor Kateri, be truly enriched, uplifted and renewed by the example of this humble Indian maiden, the Lily of the Mohawks. May her beatification also make us vividly conscious of the needs of our Indian brothers and sisters, Kateri's physical and spiritual descendants who have been so exploited by personal and national greed, paternalism, racism and broken promises. There is no better way in which we can honor Kateri's memory than by supporting the priests, religious and laity working in Indian communities, and by recommitting ourselves to alleviate the injustices suffered by our Native Americans so that they can taste the fruits of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness which are our national heritage.

MOHAWK PRONUNCIATION:

Kateri: gah teh lee

Teka kwitha: deh gah qwee tah

Excerpts from Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, DD, Bishop of Albany, N.Y.
<http://www.cin.org/kat5.html>